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Ms. Erin Mauer
BRAC Environmental Program Manager
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management
Department of the Army
600 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310-0600

RE: PCB Remediation at the former Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Buildings 1, 15 and 88, Washington, DC; No. 2018-61-001

Dear Ms. Mauer:

This letter is in response to the Department of Army's notification and certification, dated September 14, 2017, provided to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III ("EPA") pursuant to the requirements of the *Self-implementing on-site cleanup and disposal of PCB remediation waste* regulation, 40 C.F.R. §761.61(a). The notification and certification were received by EPA on October 6, 2017. This notification is regarding the Department of the Army's plan to clean up and dispose of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contaminated concrete and soil located in Buildings 1, 15 and 88 at the former Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) facility located at 6900 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

EPA has reviewed the Department of Army's cleanup plan for Buildings 1, 15 and 88 of the former WRAMC facility and finds that it is consistent with the requirements of 40 C.F.R. §761.61(a). EPA hereby approves the PCB cleanup plan for Buildings 1, 15 and 88 at the former WRAMC facility submitted with the Department of Army's notification and certification, dated September 14, 2017. This approval provides for a PCB cleanup level of less than or equal to 1 ppm. The approved plan may be modified only in accordance with the procedures described at 40 C.F.R. §761.61(a)(3)(ii).

EPA's approval of the Department of Army's cleanup plan does not in any way constitute a finding by EPA that Buildings 1, 15 and 88 of the former WRAMC facility located in Washington, DC will be safe or appropriate for any future use, does not insulate the owner or occupant of the property from action under any applicable law, and does not relieve the Department of Army, or any other owner or operator of Buildings 1, 15 and 88 of the former WRAMC facility of its continuing responsibility to comply fully with 40 C.F.R. Part 761. EPA emphasizes that these regulations include several conditions and limitations that apply to persons performing a PCB cleanup activity subject to 40 C.F.R. §761.61(a).



Among other things, the regulations state that “[c]omplete compliance with 40 C.F.R. §761.61 does not create a presumption against enforcement action for penalties for any unauthorized PCB disposal,” 40 C.F.R. §761.50(b)(3)(ii)(B). Further, “[a]ny person storing or disposing of PCBs is also responsible for determining and complying with all other applicable Federal, state, and local laws and regulations,” 40 C.F.R. §761.50(a)(6).

EPA is requesting that a brief summary of the completed cleanup activities, including but not limited to, characterization and confirmation sampling analytical results; copies of the accompanying analytical chains of custody; field and laboratory quality control/quality assurance checks; copies of manifests; copies of certificates of disposal or similar certifications issued by the disposer and total amounts of PCB waste disposed, be submitted within 90 days of completion to:

Ms. Kelly Bunker (3LC41)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region III
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Any questions concerning this approval or the self-implementing site cleanup plan review should be directed to Ms. Kelly Bunker, EPA Region III PCB Coordinator, at 215-814-2177.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Martha Shimkin", followed by the initials "MS".

Martha Shimkin, Acting Director
Land and Chemicals Division

cc: Dave Tomlinson, DC DE&E